

## General Assembly

## Substitute Bill No. 1320

January Session, 2007

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## AN ACT CONCERNING BIOTECH WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

- 1 Section 1. (*Effective July 1, 2007*) (a) Within available appropriations,
- 2 the Office of Workforce Competitiveness, in consultation with the
- 3 Department of Higher Education and the boards of trustees of the
- 4 constituent units of the state system of higher education and the
- 5 Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges, and a representative
- 6 of an economic cluster, as defined in section 32-4e of the general
- 7 statutes relating to the bioscience industry, shall establish a pilot
- 8 program to provide bioscience-related externship and cooperative
- 9 work-study opportunities to students attending institutions of higher
- 10 education in Connecticut.
- 11 (b) Not later than October 1, 2007, the Office of Workforce
- 12 Competitiveness, in consultation with the Commissioner of Higher
- 13 Education and the boards of trustees of the constituent units of the
- 14 state system of higher education and the Connecticut Conference of
- 15 Independent Colleges, shall establish written participation guidelines
- 16 for the pilot program pursuant to this section.
- 17 (c) Not later than January 1, 2008, the Office of Workforce
- 18 Competitiveness shall submit a status report, in accordance with the
- 19 provisions of section 11-4a of the general statutes, on the establishment
- and on any operation of the pilot program pursuant to this section to

- 21 the Connecticut Employment and Training Commission and the joint
- 22 standing committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
- 23 matters relating to higher education and employment advancement.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1   July 1, 2007	New section
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